Meeting Summary
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

Date of Meeting   April 27, 2006
Location   Carrollton City Hall

In attendance   Riean Norman
    Sandra Morris
    Queentine E. Vallair
    Dave Schmit
    David Basil
    Jimmy Godbee
    Mike Wiggins
    Chuck Willis
    Jonathan Dorsey
    Kent Johnston
    Joe McGinnis
    Peter Balega
    Charles Griffin

Agenda

12:00 pm

Sign-in

Purpose Overview - Charles Griffin

Issues and Opportunities Presentation – Charles Griffin

Issued and Opportunities Discussion – Charles Griffin & Steering Committee

What to expect next

Open Question & Answer

Adjourn

<u>Meeting Summary</u>

At 12:05 PM City Planner, Charles Griffin, kicked off the meeting with explaining the meeting purpose and objectives and directing all the attendees to the lunch arrangements.

Charles then began with the purpose of the meeting and gave a brief overview of the meeting expectations. Charles explained that the meeting would be brief and would focus around finalizing a draft list of Issues and Opportunities. As a secondary purpose, Charles explained the need to compare the issues and opportunities stemming from the December 6th Steering Committee meeting to the community wide meeting held March the 21st, and in doing so, collectively decide an appropriate list.

After a small discussion about the meeting purpose, Charles offered a summary of the previous community meetings, including a review of the,

- December 6th Steering Committee meeting, and
- March 21st Community Wide meeting

After presenting the results of the previous meetings, Charles then offered the Steering Committee the opportunity to comment on the list of all issues and opportunities demonstrated on a flip chart. What followed resulted in the final draft list of issues and opportunities, which included:

- Increasing student/college age population
- High minority growth rate, especially with the Hispanic population
- Old and declining shopping centers (big boxes) and "strip malls" along Bankhead Highway near to downtown and segments of U.S. Highway 27 are ascetically displeasing and detract from neighborhood oriented developments
- Economic development efforts favor new development over redevelopment opportunities
- Develop greater university presence with downtown economy
- Balance economic development and job opportunities in low income areas of the city, primarily in the western portions of town. Continue to implement as a tool the recommendations stemming from the "Quality Growth Partnership Resource Team" report.
- Identify and promote tourism ideas by a means of identifying, promoting and preserving the city's character
- Economic development projects are promoted without adequate consideration of their impacts on infrastructure and natural resources.
- There is no cost benefit analysis of economic development projects.
- Economic development efforts favor new development over redevelopment opportunities.

- Continue to implement downtown improvements identified in the City of Carrollton *Downtown Master Plan*
- Greater management control of rental properties
- Renewed code compliance enforcement
- Encourage traditional neighborhood design
- Emphasis on high quality housing construction
- Student/Fraternity/Sorority housing needs
- Too many trees are being lost to new development.
- There are abandoned or unkept properties in our community.
- Citizens are unaware of natural and cultural resources and their significance.
- Provision of public facilities is not used to guide development to desired locations.
- Current facility extension policies do not foster development (such as infill, redevelopment, and compact development) that maximizes the use of existing infrastructure.
- Impact of proposed development projects on public facilities is not analyzed or considered
- We are developing unattractive new subdivisions.
- We have unattractive commercial or shopping areas.
- We lack attractive public spaces designed for gathering and social interaction. Our community lacks a "center" that combines commercial, civic, cultural and recreational activities.
- People lack transportation choices for access to housing, jobs, services, goods, health care and recreation.
- Our community has a long range plan to create a multimodal trail network.
- The city has a plan to provide additional parking in the downtown activity center.
- We do plan with adjacent communities for areas near mutual boundaries.
- We do not promote partnerships between local government and community stakeholder groups.

After discussing then deciding to include the above items in the community assessment as "issues and opportunities," Charles explained that additional items would be added to the list based upon staff's completing of the technical addendum portion of the planning process.

After a round of questions, Charles concluded the meeting with detailing what to expect next and stated the Steering Committee would meet again sometime in July to review the final draft of the Community Assessment and Public Participation Program. Charles stressed the importance of this meeting by saying it would be the final opportunity for the Steering Committee to comment on the Community Assessment and Participation Program prior to sending it to the Chattahoochee Regional Development Center for review.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:20pm.